# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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VACANT POSTS IN POSTAL DEPARTMENT
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of posts of superintendent of posts, inspector of posts, post master, postman and IV class employees are lying vacant in the country;

(b) whether post offices are facing operational problems due to shortage of officers and employees;

(c) whether the Government has banned recruitment of these posts; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government proposes to lift ban on recruitment of these posts and fill up the same?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of posts of Superintendent of Posts, Inspectors of Posts, Post Master, Postman and Group `D` lying vacant in the country is as under:

| NUMBER OF POSTS LYING VACANT | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Superintendent of Posts | Inspectors of Posts | Post Master | Postman | Group `D` (Class-IV) |
| 73 | 628 | 3271 | 6015 | 4223 |

(b) Vacancies arise from time to time due to promotion, resignation, retirement, death etc. of the incumbents, but the work is being managed by redeployment of staff. Hence, no operational problems are being faced in post offices.

(c) There is no ban on recruitment in the Department of Posts. Filling up of the vacancies by direct recruitment and by promotion is an on-going exercise. Promotional vacancies are being filled up periodically. In accordance with the existing instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training vide Office Memoranda No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.05.2001 and 30.08.2006, the direct recruitment vacancies are being filled upto the extent of 1/3rd of the direct recruitment vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling that it does not exceed 1% of the total sanctioned strength of the Department.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.